

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend page 1, line 5 through line 10 as follows to add the updated priority information:

CLAIM OF PRIORITY FROM A COPENING PATENT APPLICATION

Priority is herewith claimed from a ~~copening~~ U.S. Patent Application having ~~U.S. application~~ Ser. No. 10/073,761 entitled "Vessel Sealing System", by Robert Wham et al., which is now United States Patent No. 6,796,981, which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application having ~~U.S. application~~ Ser. No. 09/408,944 also entitled "Vessel Sealing System," by Robert Wham et al., which is now United States Patent No. 6,398,779, and which claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/105,417 filed on October 23, 1998. The disclosure of each Patent Application is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.